GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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EXPLORATION IN RAJASTHAN BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) had started excavation for oil exploration at Marubhumi Rashtriya Udyan situated near Jodhpur in Rajasthan which is a prohibited area without getting prior approval of the forest department;

(b) if so, the time of commencement of excavation and the time by which it was stopped and the amount spent thereon till then; and

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c) No, sir. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has no exploration activity at Marubhumi Rashtriya Udyan situated near Jodhpur in Rajasthan.